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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 29 June 1984

1. [] I called []
in response to his query about the U.S. Embassy/Bangkok's cable on
the bureau's status. I told him the story as we know it: that

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[] hence, it was highly doubtful there would be anything
further in State archives bearing on FBIS status. []

[] murmured that it was unfortunate this had happened now,
when questions have arisen about VOA, and he feared the two
questions might "resonate." I said we saw it as a fairly minor
issue requiring no more than a low-key, informal approach by the
ambassador to the Foreign Ministry but that we would naturally
defer to the ambassador's judgment. []

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[] will send a short interim message confirming that there
is no written request to the Thai on hand in Washington and
telling the ambassador that "we will consider ways to take it from
here." Having bought some time, he will follow up with further
instructions. It's clear he hasn't decided yet how to instruct
Bangkok, and we will probably be hearing from him again. []

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(cc: D/FBIS, C/AS, C/ED, C/Bangkok Bureau)

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